

PUBLIC NOTICE

PERMIT APPLICATION: NRS 07.359

APPLICANT: William Anthony Weathers
780 Old Johnson Lake Road
Loretto, Tenn. 38769
931-853-4807

LOCATION: Johnson Lake on Dixon Branch, Old Johnson Lake Road, Loretto,
Lawrence County 35.0659 °N, -87.4158 °W

WATERSHED DESCRIPTION: Dixon Branch is in the Tennessee Western Valley (Pickwick Lake) watershed (HUC06030005) and is currently assessed as fully supporting its designated uses of fish and aquatic life, irrigation, livestock watering and wildlife, and recreation. Dixon Branch was historically impounded to form Johnson Lake in this area. The dam breached approximately four years ago, and a stream channel has reestablished in the impoundment zone. Dixon Branch and the receiving segment of Bluewater Creek (from Dixon Branch to Gable Branch) are not Exceptional Tennessee Waters, and based on the 2004 and 2008 assessment information, are waters with available conditions.

Color photos of the stream proposed for alteration can be viewed on the Internet version of this notice at <http://www.state.tn.us/environment/wpc/ppo/arap>.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant proposes to rebuild a breached dam, which will re-impound approximately 1200 linear feet of Dixon Branch and restore Johnson Lake. The purpose of the lake is recreation for multiple landowners.

The dam breach is 60-feet wide at the top and will require rebuilding that section of the levee. The applicant proposes to place a compacted clay fill and key it in to the remainder of the structure. The stream flow will be diverted during the levee repairs.

In accordance with the Tennessee Antidegradation Statement (Rule 1200-4-3-.06), the division has determined that the proposed activity may result in degradation to water quality.

USGS TOPOGRAPHIC QUADRANGLE: Loretto 52 SW

PERMIT COORDINATOR: Juliana W. Kyzar

No decision has been made whether to issue or deny this permit. The purpose of this notice is to inform interested parties of this permit application and to ask for comments and information necessary to determine possible impacts to water quality. Persons wishing to comment on the proposal are invited to submit written comments to the department. Written comments must be received within **thirty days of the date that this notice is posted**. Comments will become part of the record and will be considered in the final decision. The applicant's name and permit number should be referenced.

Interested persons may also request in writing that the department hold a public hearing on this application. The request must be filed within the comment period, indicate the interest of the person requesting it, the reasons that the hearing is warranted, and the water quality issues being raised. When there is sufficient public interest in water quality issues, the department will hold a public hearing.

The permit application, supporting documentation including detailed plans and maps, and related comments are available at the department's address for review and/or copying. The department's address is:

Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation
Division of Water Pollution Control, Natural Resources Section
7th Floor L & C Annex
401 Church Street
Nashville, TN 37243

In deciding whether to issue or deny a permit, the department will consider all comments on record and the requirements of applicable federal and state laws.

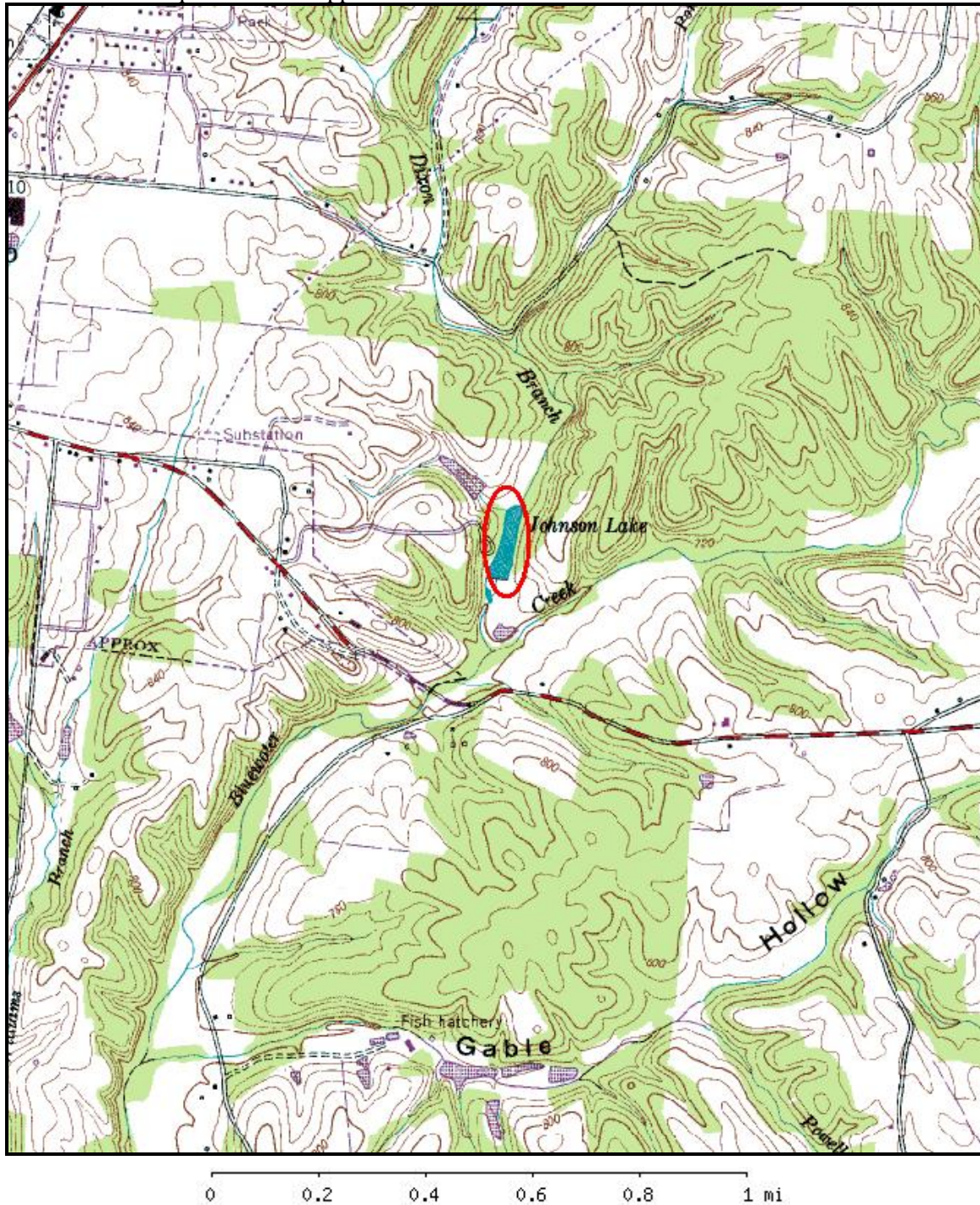


Figure 1: USGS topographic map with the project area indicated.

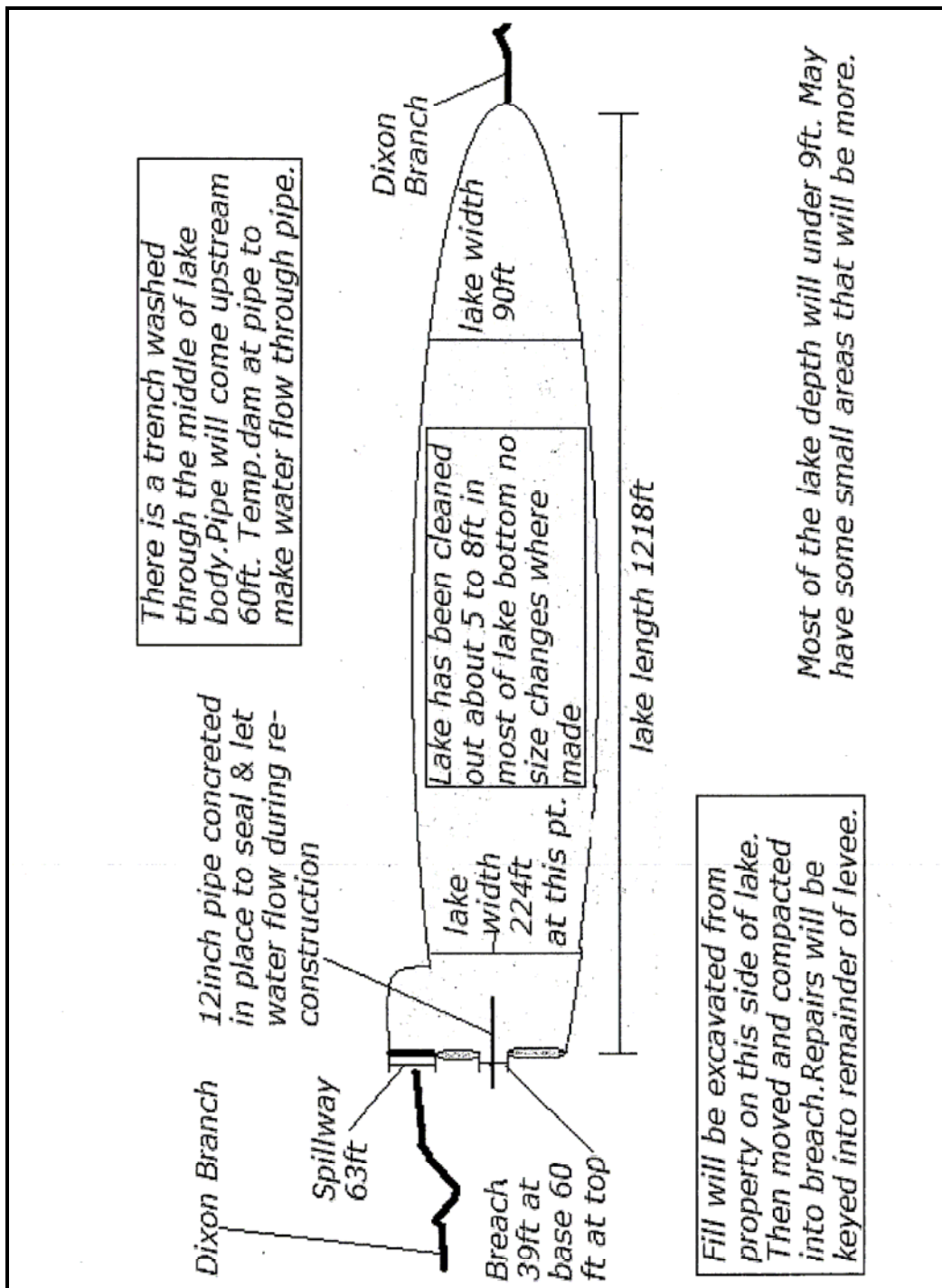


Figure 2: Applicant's basic construction plan

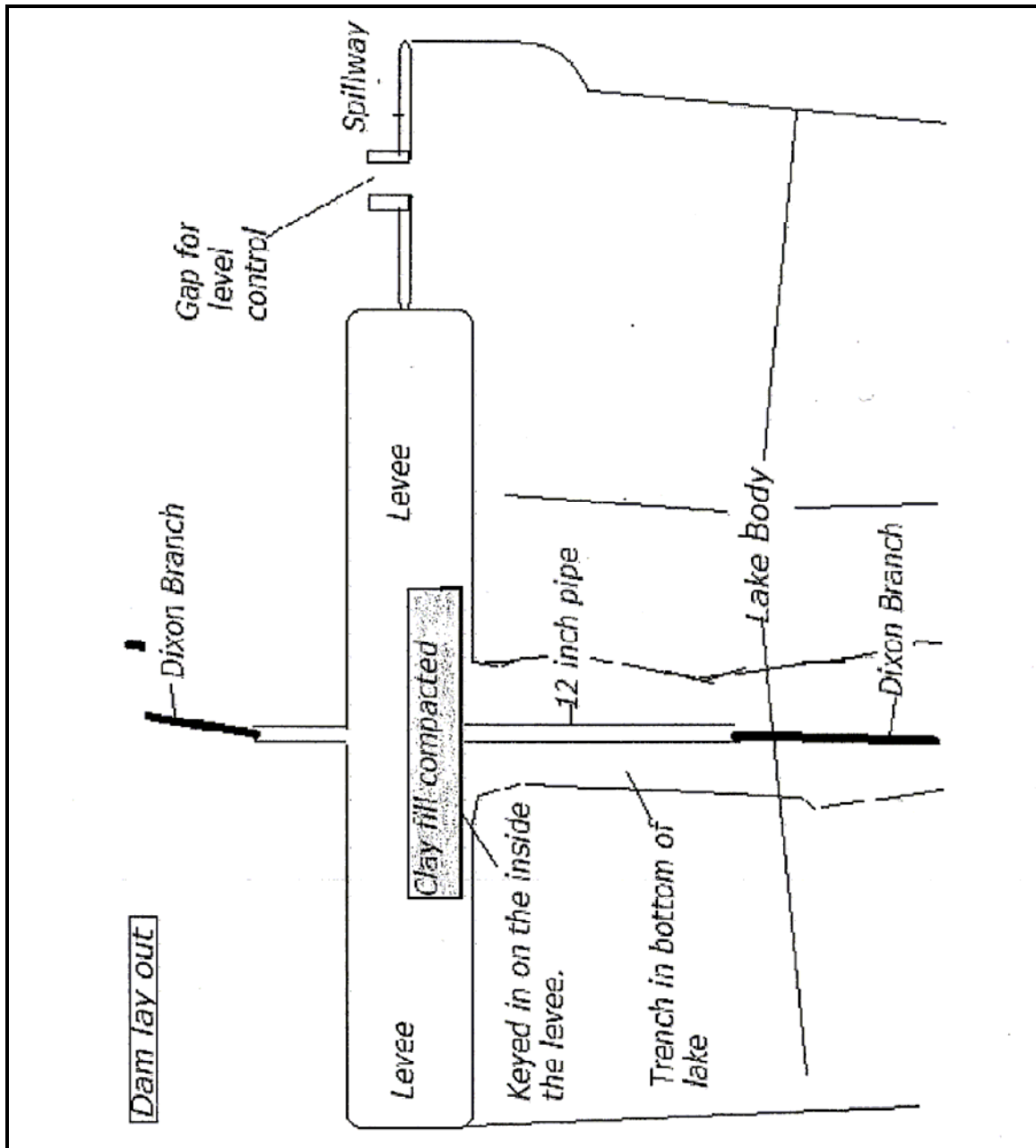


Figure 3: Applicant's dam repair plan.